

karl's going-away party /1/ a little too happy, if you ask me

Karl Roberts has been the manager of a medium-sized company for five years. He has just announced that he is going to change jobs and leave the firm. He is a bit shocked to see that his coworkers aren't disappointed. In fact, they are ecstatic to finally see him go.

The office party for Karl Roberts, **manager for the past five years** at Ames Farm Products, was "a little too jubilant," the 38-year-old former boss reported Monday. "This has been working directly under me for a long time, so it's only natural that they'd want to **show their appreciation** by
... a little party on my last day," said Roberts, who recently accepted a job as regional director of Quad-State Shipping in Rockford, IL. "And it's only natural that the employees would want to blow off a little at the end of the week., I really **wasn't expecting much** more than cake, punch, a couple of warm wishes, and maybe a card., I was surprised when I found out they'd hired a band."

Known for his management style, Roberts said he worked much more closely with Ames Farm Products' 23 **staff members** than their previous manager. While he said he was that he had a reputation for being "something of a" in his first months on the job, he had always assumed that the staff appreciated **his contributions to increased productivity** and professionalism in the workplace. "After the party,, I'm not sure what to think," Roberts said. "I know they were only joking about wanting me to go," Roberts added. "But everyone sure was getting into the joke."

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